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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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To: Physical Therapists
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Subject: Update to the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and Vendor Rate Increase for the Physical Therapy Program

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2001 relative value units (RVUs);
- The updated Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (MCLFS);
- The Year 2001 additions of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) codes;
- Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes; and
- A legislatively appropriated two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

In updating the fee schedule with Year 2001 RVUs and clinical laboratory fees, MAA maintained overall budget neutrality. The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect the changes listed above.

Attached are updated replacement pages 13-16 for MAA's Physical Therapy Billing Instructions, dated May 2000. To obtain this fee schedule electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>.

Please bill MAA your usual and customary fee.